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SUBJECT: TAW DEVELOPMENTS IN MALI

REF: A. BAMA KO 3332; B. STATE 15245; C. ABIDJAN 7171

1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON NIAMG FOUESSYNI, TAW REPRESENTATIVE IN BAMA KO, ON 20 MARCH 1973 TO UPDATE INFORMATION FOUND IN REF A. NIANG WAS NOT FORTHCOMING IN INTERVIEW. HE STATED THAT HIS STUDY ON EXACT TRUCKING NEEDS OF MALI HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO ABIDJAN IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS TAW PROBLEMS. WHEN EMBASSY OFFICER COMMENTED THAT HE HAD SEEN SOME TAW TRUCKS UTILIZED BY TRANSPORT POOL IVOIRE (TPI) FACILITY IN BAMA KO, NIANG STATED THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS PARTICULAR AREA OF TAW AND DID NOT CARE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT.

2. IN A PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH MR. ZEINY, TPI EXPEDITER IN BAMA KO, EMBASSY LEARNED THAT APPROXIMATELY 20 TAW TRUCKS ARE BEING USED TO TRANSPORT GOODS BETWEEN ABIDJAN AND BAMA KO. ZEINY INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN HAVING NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE VEHICLES TO DATE BUT THAT THEY WERE OF COURSE ALL NEW VEHICLES. ONLY MINOR REPAIRS ARE HANDLED IN BAMA KO AT THIS TIME. ZEINY ALSO CONFIRMED THAT TPI IN MALI HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH NIANG'S ORGANIZATION. AS AN ITEM OF INTEREST, HE ALSO STATED
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THAT BAMAKO CENTRAL TRUCK PARK, NEAR BAMAKO MOSQUE, WILL SOON BE MOVED ACROSS NIGER RIVER NEAR FUTURE TAW GARAGE.

3. CONCERNING OPIC' S REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS ON PARAGRAPH 5 OF ABID HE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT OF UN SEC GEN HAMMERSKJOLK TO USE CLOSE PERSONAL TIES WITH BELGIAN KING AND QUEEN TO INFLUENCE BELGIAN POLICY ON ZAIRE AND UK PM WILSON' S INABILITY TO INFLUENCE IAN SMITH DESPITE THEIR SHARED MILITARY EXPERIENCES IN RAF. IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO EC INABILITY MAINTAIN REVERSE PREFERENCES IN MEDITERRANEAN POLICY IF IT WERE TO ABANDON INSISTENCE ON THEM ELSEWHERE, GARDINER SAID QUOTE PROBLEM IS NOT SO MUCH IN WEST AFRICA AS IN WHAT YOU HAVE TO FLY OVER TO GET THERE UNQUOTE.

4. EMBASSY NOTES THAT SENGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR IS PRESENTLY TOURING EUROPE TO DISCUSS AFRICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD EC ASSOCIATION. ACCORDING PUBLISHED PRESS REPORTS OF HIS STATEMENTS, HE WOULD APPEAR TO CONSTITUTE LARGELY INACCURATE SPOKESMAN FOR MAJORITY AFRICAN VIEW.
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